

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for a bowling ball with a hole, comprising:  
a base mountable to the hole, wherein said base includes an integral coupling portion and  
an outer diameter, wherein said coupling portion is threaded;

a one-piece sleeve with an integral coupling portion and a first outer diameter, wherein  
said sleeve coupling portion is threaded and one of said sleeve coupling portion and said base  
coupling portion has an outer diameter that rotatably engages the other of said sleeve coupling  
portion and said base coupling portion, and wherein said sleeve first outer diameter is  
substantially equal to said base outer diameter; and ~~The apparatus of claim 1, comprising:~~

~~means for preventing rotation of said sleeve relative to said base when after said sleeve~~  
~~coupling portion is rotatably engaged to said base coupling portion.~~

4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for a bowling ball with a hole, comprising:  
a base mountable to the hole, wherein said base includes an integral coupling portion and  
an outer diameter, wherein said coupling portion is threaded;

a one-piece sleeve with an integral coupling portion and a first outer diameter, wherein  
said sleeve coupling portion is threaded and one of said sleeve coupling portion and said base  
coupling portion has an outer diameter that rotatably engages the other of said sleeve coupling  
portion and said base coupling portion, and wherein said sleeve first outer diameter is  
substantially equal to said base outer diameter; and ~~The apparatus of claim 1,~~

~~wherein said base includes a base locking portion, said sleeve includes a sleeve locking~~  
~~portion, and comprising a locking member which is engaged with said base locking portion and~~

said sleeve locking portion to selectively prevent the base from rotating with respect to said  
and sleeve from de-coupling.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein said locking member is threaded.

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein one of said sleeve locking portion  
and said base locking portion are threaded to receive said locking member.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein said locking member is plastic.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein said locking member is disposed  
entirely within said base locking portion and said sleeve locking portion.

9 - 14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~14~~, wherein said sleeve includes an  
alignment indicator, wherein said alignment indicator indicates the alignment of said base  
locking coupling portion with said sleeve locking coupling portion.

16-19. (Cancelled).

20. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a bowling ball with a digit hole;

a base mounted within said hole, wherein said base has a diameter and includes an

integral coupling portion; and

a one-piece sleeve with an integral coupling portion, wherein said sleeve has a diameter  
substantially equal to said base diameter, and wherein one of said sleeve coupling portion and  
said base coupling portion has an outer diameter which is threadably engaged to an inner  
diameter of the other of said sleeve coupling portion and said base coupling portion;

wherein said base coupling portion is threaded, and said sleeve coupling portion is  
threaded and rotatably engages said base coupling portion; and,

~~The apparatus of claim 19~~ wherein said base includes a base locking portion, said sleeve includes a sleeve locking portion, and further comprising a locking member which is engaged with said base locking portion and to prevent rotation with respect to said sleeve locking portion after said base and said sleeve are threadably engaged.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein said base, said sleeve and said locking member are plastic.

22-31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for a bowling ball with a hole, comprising:  
a base mountable to the hole, wherein said base includes an integral threaded portion, a base locking portion and an outer diameter;  
a sleeve with an integral threaded portion, a cavity, a first outer diameter, a second outer diameter, a centerline and a sleeve locking portion, wherein said sleeve locking portion is offset from said centerline, said sleeve threaded portion is rotatably engaged to said base threaded portion, said sleeve first outer diameter is substantially equal to said base outer diameter and said cavity is a cylindrical ellipse; and  
a locking member which is threaded and engaged with said base locking portion and further engaged with said sleeve locking portion, wherein said locking member prevents relative rotation between said base and said sleeve.

33. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein said base, said sleeve and said locking member are plastic.

34. (New) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said means includes a set screw.